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In response to the communication of September 26, 2002, a copy of which is attached, enclosed is a complete declaration and power of attorney executed by all of the inventors. This is to complete the requirements set in the Decision to Vacate Notice of Abandonment dated December 18, 2001.

Please file this declaration and power of attorney with the instant application to put it in condition for acceptance into the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371.

Also enclosed is a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 CFR 1.137(b) and the required petition fee of \$640 (small entity-

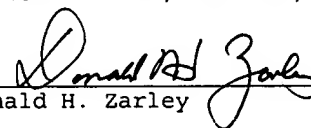
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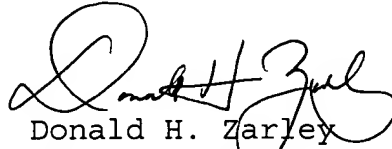
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Respectfully submitted,

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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED
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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee --required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

☒ Small entity-fee \$ 640 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in
 the form of Response to Notification of Defective (identify type of reply):

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE. The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D))].

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